

**From:** Terry M. Keeton  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Wed, Apr 9, 2003 9:58 AM  
**Subject:** I support you

Dear Commisiioner Copps,

I have read of the "establishmenl" grab for total control of the media and I totally support your resistance to this. The GIANTS are itchy to complete their control on the media.

The US has the most controlled media in the world, take the spin we get on the Iraqi mess and compare that with what Europe gets, and the difference is obvious. We do not need more of the same that we already have here.

Keep up your push against Powell wanting to allow the media giants to own both newspapers and broadcasting in the same communities.

Most Sincerely,

Terry Keeton

**From:** mark--shotter@hotmail.com  
**To:** KathleenAbernathy  
**Date:** Wed, Apr 9, 2003 10:10 AM  
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**From:** WetheP@aol.com  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Tue, Apr 8, 2003 5:42 AM  
**Subject:** Preserve Diversity

Dear Commissioners Powell, Abernathy, Copps, Martin, and Adelstein:

I am deeply concerned that large media conglomerates are swallowing up so many independent radio stations, *TV* stations, and other media sources. It is vital for democracy to preserve independent media sources in order to have as many voices and opinions heard, to preserve diversity -- that is what our country is about.

Please do not allow the large media companies to get even larger. If this happens, it will be much harder to find out what is really going on in the world.

Very truly yours,

Lauri Zarin  
95 Henry Sanford Rd.  
Bridgewater, CT 06752



**From:** NancyJ  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Tue, Apr 8, 2003 7:57 AM  
**Subject:** Media ownership rules

Dear Chairman Powell,

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Gregg Jocoy  
203 Pond View Lane  
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**From:** NancyJ  
**To:** CommissionerAdelstein  
**Date:** Tue, Apr 8, 2003 8:02 AM  
**Subject:** <No Subject>

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From: TaleSpinRS@aol.com  
To: Mike Powell  
Date: Tue, Apr 8, 2003 8:52 AM  
Subject: Media Conglomerates

Dear Mr. Powell:

I'm greatly concerned that media outlets are being allowed to continue their growth, grabbing up more and more outlets. This has the effect of allowing the media to control information to our citizenry. The ultimate effect seems to be the loss of a two-party system in our country. I realize the very people who are in charge of controlling this are behooved by the further growth of large media outlets.

I request that you consider the good of the country and look at other factors than corporate earnings as this issue is being considered. Small local stations, small independent newspapers and television stations may not be as profitable, but we're tired of the generic one size fits all news that we're getting.

Please use your position to consider halting the growth of media conglomerates

Sincerely,

Judy S. Dodd  
Spartanburg, SC 29316-5670

**From:** janinahopkins@lucent.com  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Tue, Apr 8, 2003 10:09 AM  
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**3122 Belwood Lane**  
**Glenview, Illinois 60025**

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**From:** Trudi Mignety  
**To:** Michael Copps  
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**Subject:** pending FCC rulings

Dear Commissioner Copps,

Please let this letter serve as my formal complaint and objection to any pending FCC rulings which may lift restriction's on mergers between TV broadcast networks and the number of local TV or radio stations owned by one company. Such deregulation threatens to further stifle the diversity of programming for consumers, advertisers and producers. One of the main charges of the FCC is to promote diversity, which doesn't just refer to people of color, it refers to many different types of programming. We applaud you Commissioner Copps for attempting to draw attention to this problem. I would like to go on record as being opposed to increased or further media deregulation and wish for you to act on my behalf and STOP further media deregulation.

Respectfully yours,  
Trudi LaFon  
trudi@lafons.com

**From:** mrwoowoowongl1  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Tue, Apr 8, 2003 1:46 PM  
**Subject:** We support your efforts

Dear Sir:

I wanted to give my support to you in your effort to stop the FCC from allowing monopolies to silence the voice of the public.

Please keep up this courageous fight.

Sincerely,  
W. Wong

**From:** Jeff Hansen  
**To:** KathleenAbernathy  
**Date:** Tue, Apr 8, 2003 2:14 PM  
**Subject:** June decision on mergers and acquisitions

Dear Commisioner Abernathy,

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**From:** Woodstockyoga@aol.com  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Tue, Apr 8, 2003 3:55 PM  
**Subject:** no change in regulations

We need no change in regulations that will give more power to large corporations. We need to remain a democracy with an unbiased media and different viewpoints.

Marcia Albert

**From:** Patriciaqueen@cs.com  
**To:** Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Mike Powell, KathleenAbernathy, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Tue, Apr 8, 2003 4:27 PM  
**Subject:** (no subject)

I could not access the link to add my name to the protest against the disgusting radio show in Detroit about the various horrible ways to engage in oral sex. This program is a disgrace and should be heavily fined if not removed from the air waves. Shame on you for allowing this type of tilth!!

**From:** Hansen  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Tue, Apr 8, 2003 5:12 PM  
**Subject:** We vote no to deregulation of media ownership rules

Dear Ms. Abernathy:

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